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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Jeffrey B. Robertson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-12 and 14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9-12 and 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/044,983.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Inoue et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,485,206).

For claims 1 and 7, Inoue teaches compositions containing 100 parts by weight of a diorganopolysiloxane terminated with hydroxyl groups having a degree of polymerization (corresponding to applicant's n) of at least 5, 0.5 to 30 parts of an organosilane having at least three hydrolyzable groups, and 0.1-20 parts by weight of an organic sulfur compound. Col. 1, line 45 through col. 2, line 4. For claims 1 and 6, Inoue teaches the presence of a curing catalyst that includes titanium chelates. Col. 5, lines 6-14 and 64.

For claims 2 and 3, Inoue discloses that the diorganopolysiloxane contains alkyl groups and that the viscosity is preferably between 1000-100,000 centistokes. Col. 2, lines 11-52. The viscosity range appears to be consistent with n values between 100 and 1000.

For claim 4, Inoue teaches that the hydrolyzable groups on the organosilane include alkoxy groups. Col. 3, lines 41-64.

For claims 1 and 8, Inoue teaches that the sulfur compound is 2-mercaptobenzothiazole, which is a thiol compound.

3. Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Onishi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,973,644).

For claims 1-4 and 6-8, in Example 1, Onishi teaches compositions containing 100 parts by weight of a diorganopolysiloxane having hydrocarbon groups terminated with alkoxy groups having a viscosity of 15,000 centipoise, 5 parts of methyltrimethoxysilane, 1.5 parts of a curing catalyst that is a titanium chelate, and 1 part by weight of mercaptopropylalkoxysilanes. The viscosity range appears to be consistent with n values between 100 and 1000. In column 7, lines 7-14, Onishi teaches an example where the alkoxy-terminated polysiloxane of Example 1 is replaced with the corresponding hydroxyl-terminated dimethylpolysiloxane. This composition anticipates applicant's claims. The mercaptosilanes set forth by Onishi are not excluded by claim 1 of the instant application because they contain a thiol group.

4. Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Yasutoshi et al. (JP 04-253769-see also abstract cited in the IDS of May 6, 2005 ("Abstract") and Derwent abstract ("Derwent Abstract")).

Please note that the examiner is in the process of obtaining an English Translation of this document.

For claims 1, 4, and 7, Yasutoshi teaches compositions containing 100 parts by weight of a diorganopolysiloxane terminated with hydroxyl groups, 1-25 parts of an organosilane having at least three hydrolyzable groups, and 0.01-5 parts by weight of an organic sulfur compound. See Abstract. For claims 1 and 6, Yasutoshi teaches the presence of a curing catalyst that includes metal salts of carboxylic acids. See Derwent Abstract.

For claims 2 and 3, Yasutoshi discloses that the diorganopolysiloxane contains alkyl groups and that the viscosity is preferably between 1000-100,000 centistokes. Col. 2, lines 11-52. The viscosity range appears to be consistent with n values between 100 and 1000. See Japanese Patent, paragraph [0006].

For claims 1 and 8, Yasutoshi teaches that the sulfur compound is an organomercaptan, which contains a thiol group. See Abstract and Derwent Abstract.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 9-12 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 6/08/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the rejections of the claims as being anticipated by the Inoue and Onishi references have been overcome by the claim amendments. The examiner disagrees in view of the recitation of thiol compounds set forth in claim 1.

Inoue, Onishi, and Yasutoshi all set forth thiol compounds as described above.

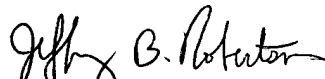
Therefore the Onishi and Inoue rejections have been continued.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey B. Robertson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1092. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:00-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy P. Gulakowski can be reached on (571) 272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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